Wild Goose Fathers- (14 March)

1. Listen to the song at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4FkAvuKnuc>   
 Most of the lyrics are in Korean. Try to explain them in English.  
2. Read the article below & answer the questions at the end.



**Wild Goose Fathers- Comprehension & Discussion Questions**   
1. What is the difference between a “Wild Goose Father”, an “Eagle Father”, and a “Penguin Father”?

2. Why are Korean parents sending their children abroad to study English? How could this benefit S. Korean children? Are there any ways it might harm S. Korean children?   
  
3. The article says that some critics think S. Korean women want to go overseas to get away from their mother-in-laws. Why would S. Korean women want to get away from their mother-in-laws?   
Have you heard any stories from older sisters, your mom, your married friend, etc. about mother-in-laws?

4. Why did President Lee decide to hire 10,000 English teachers? Do you think this is a good decision? If you were the President, how would you address this problem?

5. Being away from a wife and children might also be difficult for fathers. What are some problems you think “Wild Goose Fathers” might face?

6. In the article, one woman says, *“We didn’t think the cram schools (I think this means some kind of 학원) were doing any good, but we were too insecure to stop sending them, because the other parents were sending their children.”*What do you think about this woman’s (and her husband’s) decision?   
  
Did your parents do anything just because other parents they knew were doing it?   
  
When you become a parent, to what extent will you let other parents influence your decisions?

7. Do you know any Wild Goose Fathers or people who have Wild Goose Fathers? If so, tell your group about stories you have heard from these people.

8. Look for the expression “Give ~ an edge”. How is this used in the article?  
  
 What have your parents done to give you an edge over other students?   
  
 What will you do to give your children an edge over others?

9. Look for the word “strain”. How is this used in the article?   
  
 What strains you and your family?

10. Look for the word “unprecedented”. How is this used in the article?

Can you think of anything else that has happened recently that you could describe as   
 unprecedented?

11. The article says one of the main reasons for low birthrate among Koreans is the cost and pressure of education. What else contributes to the low birthrate?